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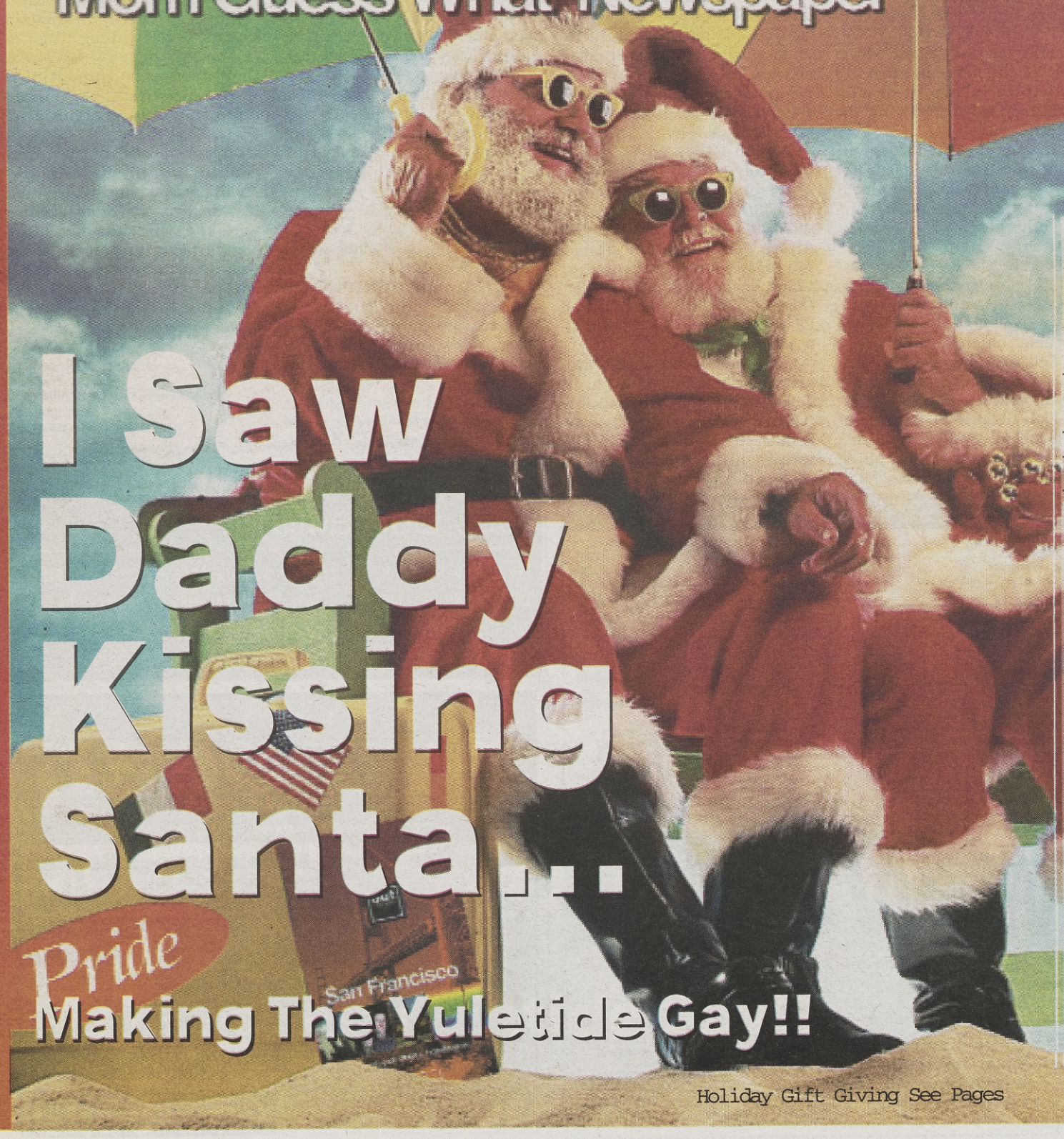

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No Safe Space for Racialism

Dear Editor,

You might think, as a person of goodwill, that the surest path toward equality is for us to treat one another as equals. You would be wrong, according to the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force.

On Veterans Day weekend, NGLTF held its annual Creating Change conference in Portland, OR. This year's theme was "Building an Anti-Racist Movement." Delegates were urged to participate in one of several workshops titled, "Starting the Conversation."

If, eager to start the conversation, you tried to sign up for the pre-conference People of Color Institutes, you would have found this notice: "For people of color only." Hello, NGLTF, is anybody home? Are you serious? Alas, they are quite serious; they have been doing this for years.

In 1999, columnist **Dale Carpenter**, attending the Creating Change conference in Oakland, was ordered to leave a workshop because he was white. He had violated a "safe space" for people of color. Safe from whom, you may ask: their allies? What sense did that make?

An Internet search on "people of color" and "safe space" reveals reasons like these: "To work on internal racial, power and control issues," "to create a supportive and affirming environment," and "to develop leadership within the black community."

This isolationism might be safe if our lives were not inextricably bound up with one another in a larger society. Strength and leadership are developed by engagement with the prevailing system, not avoidance of it.

The trouble with separatists is that they aren't. If you truly wish to insulate yourself from the rest of society, why build coalitions? At least when the National Minority AIDS Council sought to create a safe space with its People of Color Living with HIV Leadership Forum last April in San Diego, they did not call an interracial conference.

However strong a pose, separatism is a tacit admission of defeat. Retreating from society reforms nothing and is illusory. Look at the white suburban kids wearing FUBU jackets and supporting the hip-hop industry.

Visit seanjohn.com, watch **P. Diddy** model his collection, click on "shop online" and you are linked to Macy's. Marketing the ghetto is but a means of escaping it. One way or another, you've got to get in the game.

In 1993, I attended a planning meeting in Milwaukee for the Stonewall 25 celebrations in New York the following year. The planning committee established a weighted voting system to make up for the fact that most of the people who showed up were white men, despite considerable efforts to recruit women and people of color. Under this higher egalitarianism, black women held the most decision-making votes and white men the fewest.

Clarity and efficiency did not result. At one point, a white woman rose in confusion and asked, "How many votes does a white woman have?" The arbitrariness of racial categories was demonstrated when Hispanics and Muslims who were as white as I were counted as colored, while a Jew was initially told he was white.

To remedy what they deemed was a lack of racial and gender parity, organizers encouraged the white men in presence to skip the next quarterly meeting–which was in Boise–and give the money we would have spent on the trip to any dark-skinned gay person we could find who was willing to go to Idaho. Reducing us to labels was their idea of a motivational speech. It motivated me to spend my money and energies elsewhere.

Neither equality nor coherence is served by these racialist exclusions and quotas. Such double standards are often justified with the assertion that black people have no power. Those who decry racism while posting "people of color only" signs prove that they at least have the power to defeat themselves.

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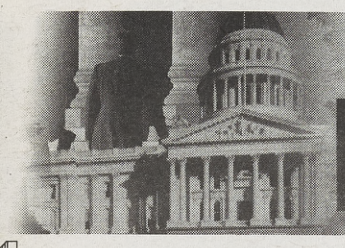

Under The Domes

Elections Are Victory and Defeat

The election results turned out to be a mixed bag of promise and denial for the GLBT community in California said a release from the Lambda Letters Project.

It mentioned that although there are now more openly lesbian and gay members of the state legislature than ever–five–the traditionally more supportive Democratic majority was reduced by two and possibly three seats in the Assembly. Lambda speculated that this could yield more leverage to Republicans who might "horse trade" on bills of importance to the GLBT community.

According to Lambda, two gay men–both Democrats–were elected to the Assembly: **Mark Leno** of San Francisco and **John Laird** of Monterey Bay. Two lesbians–**Christine Kehoe** of San Diego and **Jackie Goldberg** of Los Angeles, both Democrats–were re-elected. Senator **Sheila Kuehl**, (D-Los Angeles) continues her service in the state Senate.

Lambda noted that the candidates won by considerable margins, especially Rep. Goldberg who won 86% of the votes cast in her district. None of the others received less than 60% of their vote, a figure that was compared to Governor **Gray Davis**' 47%. Davis' victory was also cited as another encouraging result of the election since Lambda ranked him a better candidate than Bill Simon in regards to GLBT rights.

"There is much to cheer about in these results," said the report, "it means it will be a little easier to get the number of votes needed to pass bills of importance to our community." t

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Chicago Adds Transgender Law

With the stroke of his pen, Chicago **Mayor Richard M. Daley** amended several laws to protect transgender individuals who live or work in the Windy City from discrimination.

The Gender Identity Amendment, which was approved unanimously by the town's City Council, made Chicago the 51st city to pass laws prohibiting gender identity-based discrimination and the twelfth in 2002. Other major cities joining the transgender non-discrimination movement this year include New York City, Philadelphia, Dallas, Boston, Buffalo, and Tacoma WA.

"I was proud to be a sponsor of this ordinance...I hope this will serve as a model for the rest of the country," said Alderman **Eugene C. Schulter**, a co-sponsor of the amendment.

Catherine Sikora, Equality Illinois Board Member and member of the Advisory Council on Gay and Lesbian Issues said, "This amendment has been a long time coming...it opens the door for fair employment, fair housing and basic human rights for the transgender community." t

Info: www.ntac.org

Frank Calls (Army Policy) 'Absurd'

Congressman **Barney Frank** (D-Mass.) used a recent debate on the annual Intelligence Authorization bill to criticize the dismissal by the U.S. Army of nine language specialists because of their sexual orientation.

"The U.S. military appears to be going to greater heights of stupidity in administering the anti-gay policy," Frank said. "From the inadequacies of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell,' we have progressed to the greater foolishness of 'Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Translate.'" Besides the discriminatory aspect of the recent dismissals, Frank was more upset about the negative impacts on national security. Frank said, "It is bad enough for a national policy to enshrine prejudice, [but] when it puts that prejudice ahead of our national defense, we have reached a level of absurdity."

Frank said that when Congress reconvenes, he will challenge his colleagues to dismantle the 1993 legislation that enacted the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy. t

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Transgender Rights Reviewed in Mexico and Argentina

Activists are coordinating a letter writing campaign to the Buenos Aires school board in hopes of changing a policy for the recognition of transgendered teens' chosen names.

The International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC) and the Fight for Transvestite Identity *Association* (ALITT) have joined a cause sparked by a school's principal's refusal to address student **Lohanna Berkins** by her chosen name.

Berkins has been accepted by both peer students and teachers alike, and she has facilitated gender identity workshops. Yet despite her efforts, the school's policy has remained firm, denying Berkins of the opportunity to receive school certificates in her chosen name.

The IGLHRC has also taken up the cause of the *Grupo Arcoiris Communidad Gay Tecate* which has been protesting the arrest of six men who dressed as women in Tecate, Mexico. The men were in violation of an amendment to the city's "Police and Good Governance Act" which penalizes "men who dress as women and move around public places, causing perterbuation." t

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Officers Guilty in Chicago Gay–Bashing

A federal jury has recently found two police officers guilty for involvement in the 2000 beating of a gay Chicago man. **Kentin Waits** was awarded over $2 million in damages after one officer was fined for failure to intervene, while another was fined for beating Waits.

According to the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network (CABN), Waits' troubles began in July 2000 when he was driving through traffic near Wrigley Field before a Chicago Cubs game. When he approached an officer who was directing traffic, Waits asked if he could make a right turn, to which the officer refused and peppered Waits with obscenities. Waits returned with a water pistol and shot the officer, an incident he admitted was a "stupid mistake" and one he would later plead guilty for misdemeanor simple battery.

Waits was arrested the next day and reportedly brought to an interrogation room where he was handcuffed to a wall, kneed in the groin, slapped repeatedly, and told that he might be raped in the lock-up area. His truck was also impounded and "ransacked" by the impound lot.

After his release the next day, Waits filed a complaint with the city, but eight months later, the complaint was found in the favor of the police. Waits then took his complaint to civil court where he was victorious, although the jury did not return a guilty verdict for hate crime charges.

No appeals have been announced said **Andy Thayer** of CABN. t

Info: www.cabn.org

Kentin Waits (with microphone) was awarded $2 million for abuse suffered during an arrest in Chicago.

Murdered Teen's Case Appealed in Nebraska

Appeals in the murder case of **Brandon Teena**–a transgendered 21-year-old who was brutally raped and then killed by his rapists after law enforcement failed to intervene–has recently reached the Nebraska Supreme Court for the second time. Justices will hear arguments over financial damages awarded to the victim's mother.

The state Supreme Court ruled last year in favor of **JoAnn Brandon**, Teena's mother, holding Richardson County Sheriff **Charles Laux** accountable for his failure to protect Teena. A lower court had shifted most of the responsibility away from the sheriff–finding Teena partly responsible for his own death–and had awarded minimal damages to his mother.

In 1993, Brandon Teena–born Teena Brandon and raised as a girl–was living as a man in Falls City, NB, when two male acquaintances discovered his physical sex and raped him.

Teena reported the rape to Sheriff Laux who notified the rapists of the complaint and took no steps to protect him, despite strong evidence that his life was in danger. Within days, the men tracked Teena down and murdered him.

In the Nebraska Supreme Court's April 2001 ruling, the justices said the sheriff's abuse of Teena during the rape investigation was "extreme and outrageous, beyond all possible bounds of decency, and is to be regarded as atrocious and utterly intolerable in a civilized community." Laux reportedly was abusive and accusatory in interviewing Teena about the rape and had forbade a deputy from arresting the two rapists.

"It's tragic when any parent loses a child to violent crime, but when that crime could have been avoided had law enforcement done its job instead of reacting with hate toward the victim, it becomes an outrage," said **David S. Buckel**, Lambda Legal Senior Staff Attorney and Brandon's representative. t

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Christine Kehoe Fundraiser Set

John Bennett and CAPPAC are planning a fundraiser for for Assemblyperson **Christine Kehoe's** 2004 Senate race.

The kickoff event will be December 11th at **Ted Ross'** house in Sacramento. Sponsorships will be going for $250, and **Darrell Steinberg** will be calling on others to potentially contribute at higher sponsorship levels.

This event is important for Kehoe's bid for the office, and the community is encouraged to get involved. t

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Anti-Gay Officer Could be Promoted

A vote is forthcoming which will decide whether or not to promote a high ranking military officer with an anti-gay background, said a release from the National Transgender Advocacy Coalition.

Major General **Robert T. Clark**–who has received a Presidential nomination to Lieutenant General, the Army's second highest rank–awaits a vote from the Senate.

Clark was commander of Fort Campbell, Kentucky when other soldiers reportedly beat PFC **Barry Winchell** to death because he was dating **Calpernia Addams**, a transgender woman.

The NTAC said that Clark issued no statement denouncing the incident, and he allegedly refused to meet with Winchell's parents.

The release also said that he issued an order making it a crime for soldiers to go to gay bars and refused to allow the Servicemembers Legal Defense Network to place ads in the base newspaper–ads that were intended to advise soldiers of their right to report anti-GLBT harassment anonymously.

At present, the United States Armed Forces operate under a "Don't Ask, Don't Tell, Don't Pursue, Don't Harass" policy under which lesbian, gay, or bisexual soldiers may serve unmolested so long as they are not open about their sexual orientation and do not engage in homosexual acts. Similarly, transgender servicemembers are restricted from being open about their gender identity. t

Info: www.ntac.org

Fourth Arrested in Araujo Murder

Police in Newark have taken a fourth suspect into custody for the slaying of **Gwen Araujo**, a 17-year-old transgender woman. The National Transgender Advocacy Coalition (NTAC) said local authorities have also hinted that other arrests may be forthcoming.

Jason Cazares, 22, was arrested in connection with the murder. Cazares was initially suspected to have participated in the murder, but claimed he had left the party before the incident took place.

"The Newark Police have done a outstanding job of investigating [the murder,]" stated **Vanessa Edwards Foster**, chair of the NTAC. "More often than not, murders committed against transgenders are left unsolved, and in cases where there are known suspects or arrests, the diligence [by authorities] is not there and justice is not sufficiently served."

Cazares joins **Jaron Nabors**, 19, **Jose Antonio Merel** and **Michael William Magidson**, both 22. Nabors has entered an innocent plea. Merel and Magidson enter their pleas on December 13.

It was Nabors who led police to a shallow grave more than 150 miles from the crime scene. At the gravesite, police found the body of Araujo, bound at the wrists and ankles and wrapped in a sheet.

According to affidavits collected by police, Araujo was slashed with a knife and beaten by suspects at a house party in Newark, after a third party discovered the victim was anatomically a male. She was then dragged into a garage and strangled with a rope.

"This case is unique," said Foster. "Gwen's family was supportive and adamant about seeing this pursued. In addition, the Newark P.D. has also been remarkably diligent in their investigation." t

Info: www.ntac.org

Wal-Mart Criticized For Labor Practices

Various activists rallied on a "day of action" against Wal-Mart–the #1 Fortune 500 company– in November in order to voice criticism of labor practices by the company, said a report from the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF).

Pride At Work, AFL-CIO Constituency Groups, and other community, labor, and civil rights allies around were among those that staged actions outside Wal-Mart stores around the nation.

The NGLTF said that Wal-Mart parts with the majority of other Fortune 500 companies by failing to have a non-discriminatory policy in place that prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

They also mentioned that the company does not offer domestic partnership benefits to same-sex couples. t

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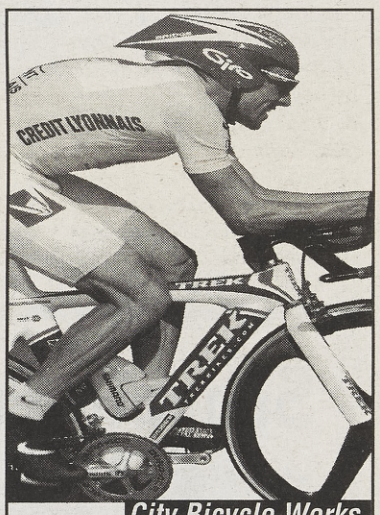
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Atlanta Student Beaten in Shower

A sophomore at Atlanta's Morehouse College has been expelled and is facing hate crime charges for the baseball bat beating of another student who had "looked at him" in a communal shower, said Lambda Legal. They also said that it is the first prosecution of an anti-gay crime under Georgia's hate crime law.

According to reports from the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the victim–**Gregory Love**–told Morehouse College police that he had forgotten his glasses and couldn't tell if the person in the next stall–**Aaron Price**–was his roommate or not.

Both Lamdba and GLAAD indicated that Morehouse's response to the incident has been unsatisfactory. GLAAD said that Morehouse had failed to categorize the incident as a hate crime and did not release information until a local newspaper had reported it almost a week later. Lambda said that the college "was way behind law enforcement in treating this crime seriously."

GLAAD reported that a student said the consensus of Morehouse's student body–of which Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was an alumni–is that "a lot of people believe that he deserved to get beaten up if he was looking in the shower stall, but everyone thinks the bat was a little extreme." t

Info: www.glaad.org
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College Pride Group Shunned

Despite a mandate forbidding the presence of GLBT persons on their campus, a new group has formed to challenge policies at Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU).

Calling itself OBUPride, the group was chartered by 12 alumni from four decades. Their mission "to provide compassion, understanding, advocacy and support" for anyone who has been associated with OBU–including employees–has been met with resistance from university officials.

According to a release from the group, the school is refusing to suspend a policy that explicitly denies the admission or detection of homosexual practices. Instead, it is standing by a 1985 by-law that reportedly requires any such student to participate in counseling services designed to make that person reject homosexuality.

OBUPride said that the policy was based on the idea that biblical teachings do not condone homosexuality. t

Info: www.obupride.org

Protests and Arrests at Catholic Conference

Leaders from the GLBT Catholic community–including Dignity USA–joined other Catholic organizations in the nation's capital recently to voice concerns about how the U.S. Conference of Bishops (USCB) is handling the church's sexual abuse scandal. According to the Gay & Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), the protests by DignityUSA and others were a response to the USCB's alleged attempts to shift blame onto gay priests and to control the media's coverage and investigation of the issue.

GLAAD said that the conflict has become even more polarized following the arrests of three members from Soulforce–a national interfaith organization–who were denied the eucharist at public liturgical services that were part of the conference. In response, Kara Speltz, Ken Einhaus, and Mike Perez conducted an unspecified act of civil disobedience that resulted in their arrest.

"What happened to these three people is symbolic of what [GLBT] Catholics have experienced for decades," said Marianne Duddy, Executive Director of DignityUSA. "Church leaders have banned us from Catholic churches and ordered priests not to say Mass for us. Bishops have used the Sacrament as a weapon to intimidate us into staying in the closet." t

Info: www.glaad.org

Columbia Considers New Laws

The Colombian Senate is discussing a same-sex union bill–which if passed will grant inheritance and social security rights to the country's gay and lesbian couples. The proposed legislation also mandates the inclusion of updated and scientifically-based information on homosexuality and transsexuality into public school curricula at all levels, in addition to criminalizing homophobic hate speech.

According to the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission (IGLHRC), the Catholic Church and other right wing forces are intensively campaigning against the bill, including the funding of two homophobic advertisements in one of Colombia's main newspapers, *El Espectador*. t

Info: www.iglhrc.org

Schools Searching for Safety Solutions

A California state senate committee held a recent hearing to examine safety for GLBT students in the school system.

The Select Committee on School Safety heard testimony from students, administrators, and advocates who described a continuing climate of hostility.

Advocates from Human Rights Watch said that despite recent laws designed to protect students from discrimination, many school officials remain unaware of their legal obligation to protect GLBT.

The failure to protect students has lead to costly litigation: The Visalia School District recently agreed to pay a reported $450,000 to students who were subjected to harassment from fellow students and school staff. t

Info: www.hrw.org

Transgender Chart Created

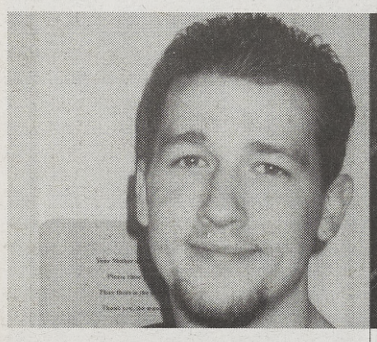
Lambda Legal released a chart identifying laws and policies in every state for amending sex designations on birth certificates. According to the chart, 47 states have specific laws, general laws, or administrative processes that allow transgender people to change the sex designation on their birth certificates, while three states have no laws or processes to amend birth certificates.

According to Lambda Legal, many transgender people are not granted the birth certificate changes they are entitled to by law. They cited a recent example of a Virginia man who was denied a certificate amendment even though he had undergone extensive medical treatment and obtained a court order seeking to change his sex designation from female to male.

Transgender people seeking to change their birth certificates should contact the Department of Health or Office of Vital Records in their state to find out what the process is. To view Lambda Legal's chart, visit their website. t

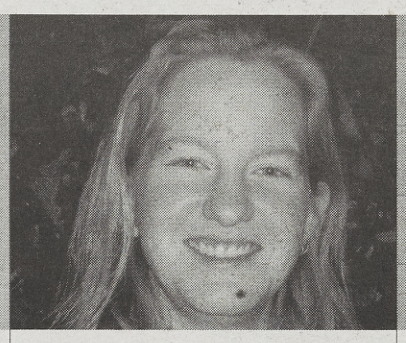
Info: www.lambdalegal.org

Were You Naughty or Nice This Year? and What Do You Want?



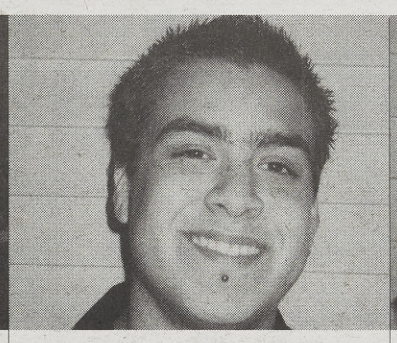
Jason Hannah
Rancho Cordova
Electrician

I have been very naughty this year... and beyond my wildest desires in West Hollywood! Usually, I get what I want for the holidays.



Jennifer Lelis
San Francisco
Female Fluffer

I have been nice this year. Since I've been really good, I'm wishing for an assistant this Christmas.



Emmanuel Caudillo
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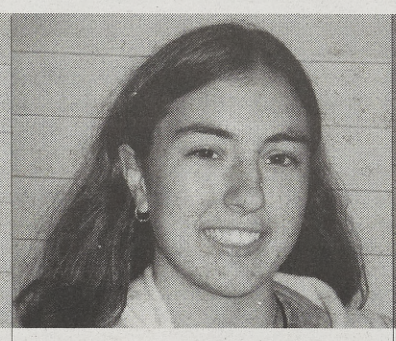
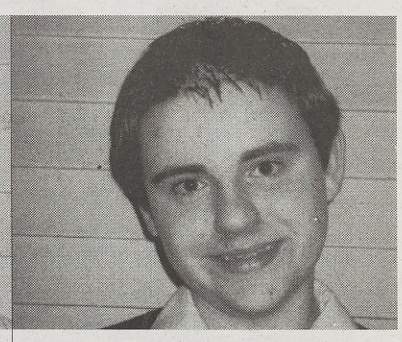
Student

I have been nice...for most of the year! I expect to get what and who I want for the holidays—being good has its perks!



Ashley Calvert
Auburn
Student

I have been both naughty and nice this year. My Christmas wish for a video camera and to see my family.



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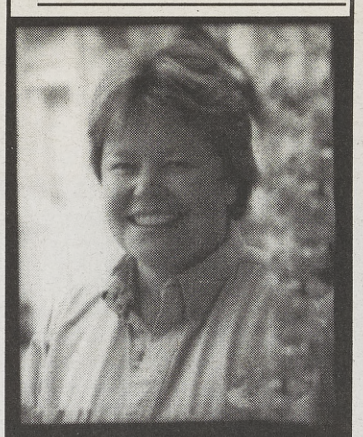
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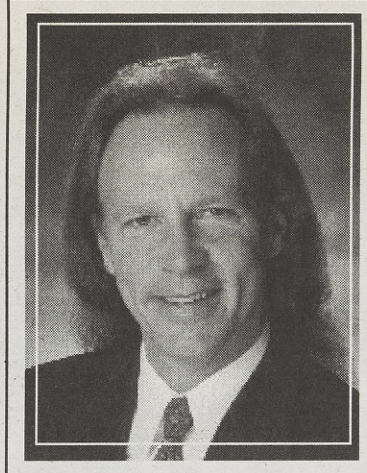
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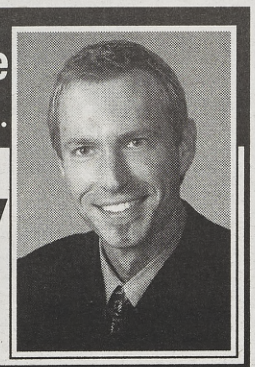

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Now in its fourth year, The Richmond/Ermet AIDS Foundation is presenting "Help is on the Way for the Holidays IV," an annual all-star holiday benefit concert December 9th in San Francisco at the Herbst Theatre.

The one-night only extravaganza features the talents of performers from stage and screen, including television's **Sally Struthers**, **Bonnie Franklin**, **Rod McKuen**, **Michael Tucker**, and **Gregory Harrison**.

Also slated to perform are the cast from "Stomp," and advanced students from the San Francisco Ballet School. Broadway stars **Davis Gaines** and **Franc D'Ambrosio** from "*The Phantom of the Opera*" and cabaret stars **Wesla Whitfield**, **Lisa Viggiano**, and **Opie Bellas** are also on the star-studded roster. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Bay Area AIDS service agencies. t

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Opie Bellas

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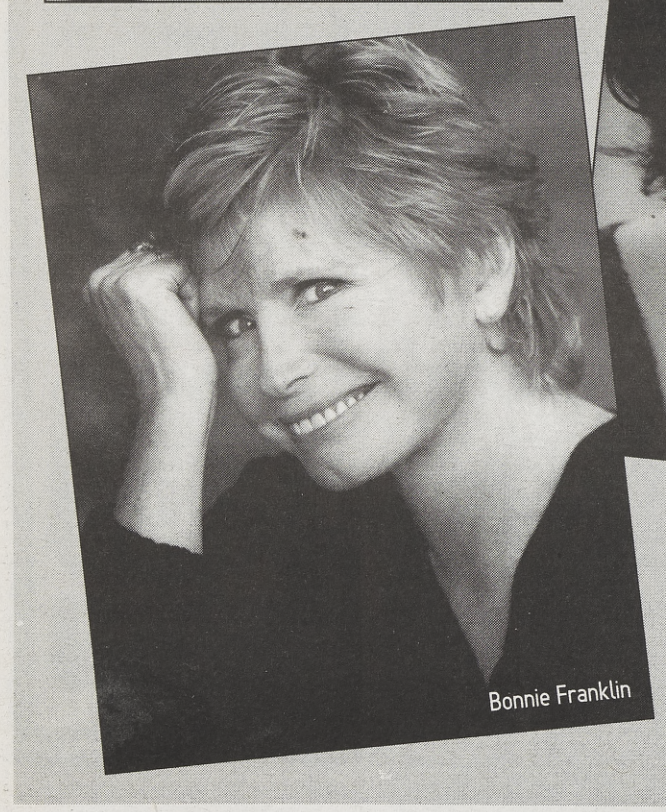
Rod McKuen

Lisa Viggiano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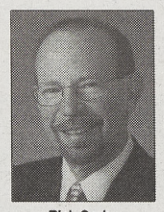
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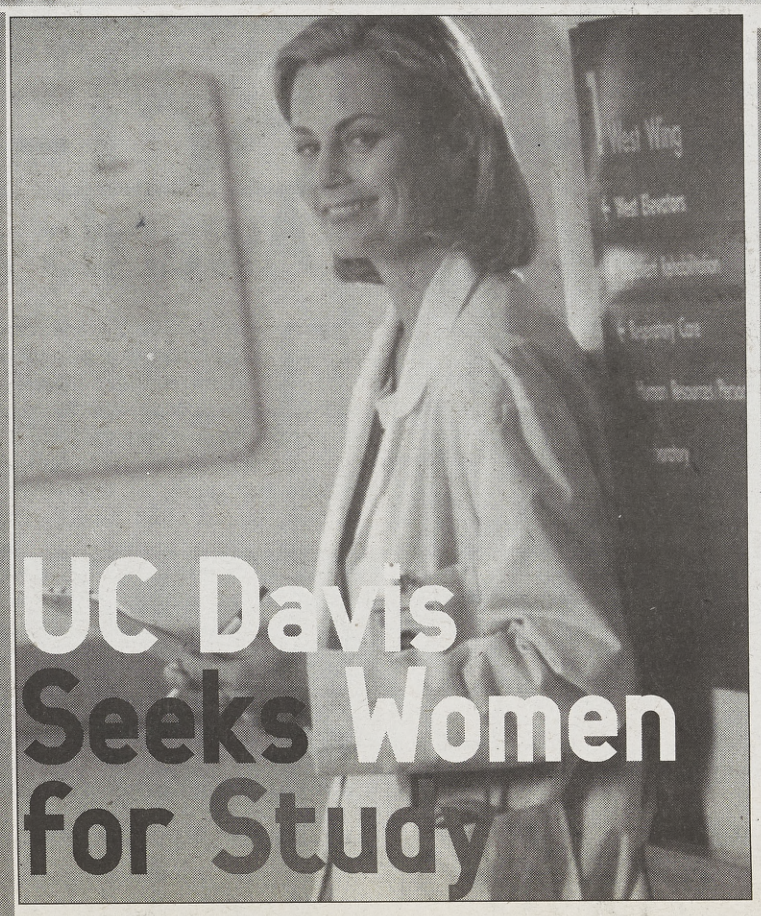
Oakland–based women's vocal ensemble KITKA takes the stage in Sacramento for the first time in more than a decade to present their holiday concert *Wintersongs* on December 7th at 7:30pm, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral. See calendar for more info. t



UC Davis Seeks Women for Study

In the wake of revelations that current treatments for osteoporosis might increase risks of breast cancer and heart disease, UC Davis nutrition researchers are seeking women for a new study involving soybeans.

Hormone replacement therapy (HRT) with estrogen has been linked to increased health risks, so researchers are investigating the potential benefit of soybeans which contain natural plant estrogens called isoflavones. Short-term studies have shown that isoflavone supplements can prevent bone loss in women at or after menopause.

Potential participants must be healthy women between ages 40 and 60, in addition to being at least one year past menopause and willing to stop taking HRT for up to 2-1/2 years.

Accepted participants will also be required to visit the clinic bi-annually to pick up supplements and annually for examinations. Although participants will be reimbursed, only some will be given the actual supplement while others are given a sugar pill placebo. t

Info: (530) 752–5510 or (916) 614–4646

Singers to Give 'Joy'

The Sacramento Master Singers will present "Joy to the World"–a banquet of choral works spanning five centuries–throughout December at St. Francis Church. Performing on December 14th, 20th, and 21st at 8pm and on the 15th and 22nd at 3pm, the concert will feature a rare performance of the 17th century masterpiece, **Thomas Tallis**' *Spem in Alium*, which will surround the audience with eight mini-choirs.

Also to be featured is **John Rutter's** *Gloria*, written for the late Sacramento choir director, **Mel Olsen**. The program will also include new arrangements of holiday favorites including **Eric Lichte's** *Joy to the World.* t

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Donate Dresses to Cinderella Story

School Activities for Everyone (SAFE) announces the arrival of Cinderella's Closet, a program that will offer free prom dresses to underprivileged high school girls. But in order to make the program a success, SAFE is counting on the community for dress donations. If you or someone you know has a dress that they would like to donate, well, you know what to do! SAFE makes only one small request: Please ensure that all dresses are dry cleaned and in good shape. t

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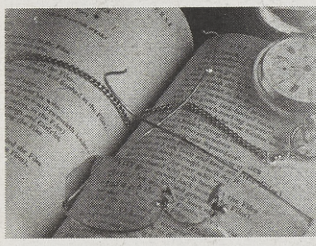

Books

Call for Entries: Lambda Lit Awards

Nominations for the 2003 Lambda Literary Awards are being accepted now through the December 15th deadline. Entry fees are $15 per submission, and certain eligibility rules apply.

Created to honor GLBT books of literary merit, the competition is open to publishers, authors, and individuals whose works are in English and were produced in 2002. The awards will be announced at a gala ceremony in Los Angeles in May 2003.

Separate categories for gay men's and lesbian works are available for the fiction, mystery, and poetry genres. There are also general categories for: fiction & non-fiction anthologies, queer theory, humor, GLBT studies, memoir autobiography, photography/visual arts, religion/spirituality, romance, science fiction/fantasy, and erotica.

Self-published books are another independent category, but works must be individually published by the author; all works are eligible except for electronic-only titles (e-books).

Also, a special category is being created this year will honor a body of work published by an independent GLBT publisher. t

Info: www.lambdalit.org

Sci-Fi Literary Awards Announced

The 2002 Gaylactic Spectrum Awards were announced recently, honoring works that positively incorporated GLBT characters, issues, and themes into the genres of science fiction, fantasy, and horror. The awards were presented at the World Science Fiction Convention in San Jose–the second year that the two events combined.

The "best novel" award went to *The Song of the Earth* by **Hugh Nissenson**. The "best short fiction" honors went to *Kindred* by **Alexis Glynn Latner**, which was culled from a larger volume that won top honors in the "best other work" category: *Bending the Landscape: Horror*, edited by **Nicola Griffith** and **Stephen Pagel**.

In addition to the regular honors, four works released prior to 1998–when the award program was created–were inducted into the Gaylactic Spectrum Awards' Hall of Fame. These were *Marvel Comics' Alpha Flight: Issue 106*, *Dhalgren* by **Samuel R. Delany**, *The Female Man* by **Joanna Russ**, and *Was* by **Geoff Ryman**. t

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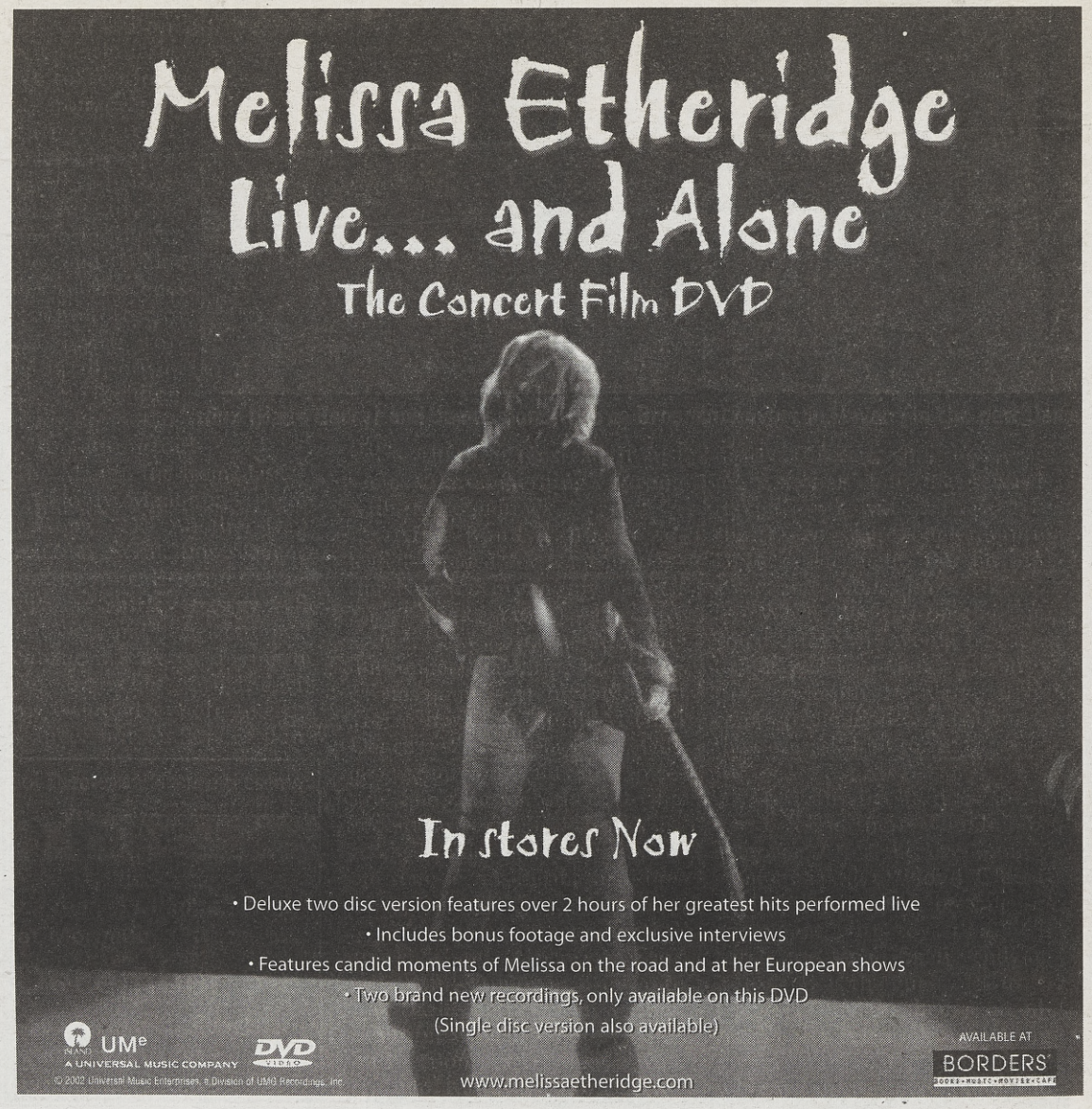
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Fashionable Feast for Fighting AIDS

Elle Décor's *Dining by Design*–a creative fundraising feast that will bring together the talents of designers from many fields–will be serving up food and fashion on December 5th at the Exhibition Concourse in San Francisco.

Produced by Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA), the proceeds will benefit the Positive Health Program at San Francisco General Hospital (a program of the UCSF AIDS Research Institute).

Designers from architecture, interiors, furniture, fashion, food, floral, graphics, and landscaping will create extraordinary table settings and environments.

Guests will be treated to a "champagne bubble blast dessert party" courtesy of Taittinger who is hosting the event. They will also enjoy a seated dinner, silent auctions, and of course, the designer tables–tablehopping is strongly encouraged.

Scheduled to design tables and attend are **Ann Getty**–who is also Honorary Chairperson, co-chairs **Barbara Waldman** and **Gary Hutton**, Elle Décor editor **Margaret Russell**, and **Victoire Taittinger** of Champagne Taittinger. t

Info: www.diffa.org

An Evening of Kung Pao Kosher Comedy

Jewish Jesters: Chinese food and Jewish humor join forces against the dominant culture with the kooky Kung Pao Kosher Comedy troupe.

Now in its tenth year, *An Evening of Kung Pao Kosher Comedy* will run twice nightly December 23-26 at The New Asia Restaurant in San Francisco. Offering an alternative celebration to the Christmas holiday season, the show combines Jewish meshugganah humor and Chinese food. Partial proceeds will benefit the Gay-Straight Alliance Network.

Touting itself "as much a holiday tradition in San Francisco as *The Nutcracker* and Loehmann's after-Christmas sale," comedians **Jeffrey Ross**, **Cory Kahaney**, **Lisa Deduldig**, and **Eddie Sarfaty** will perform at what organizers call say is "Bar mitzvah you never had."

Both Sarfaty and Deduldig have achieved success as comedians in general and with gay critics in particular. Sarfaty has won "funniest gay comic" honors from Stand Up NY, and Deduldig–who is a host and creator of Kung Pao–also produces "Queer Comedy Quack Up." t

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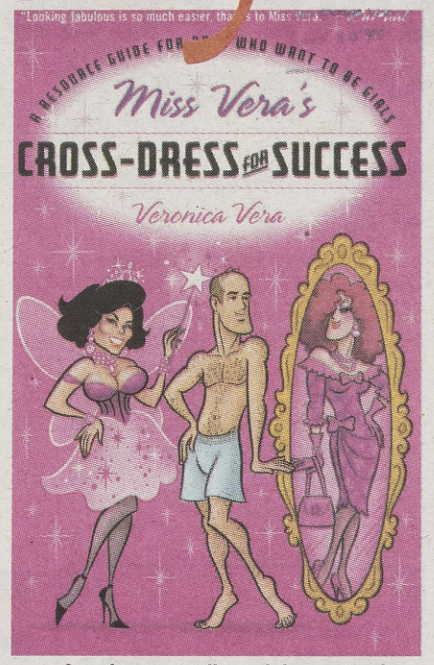

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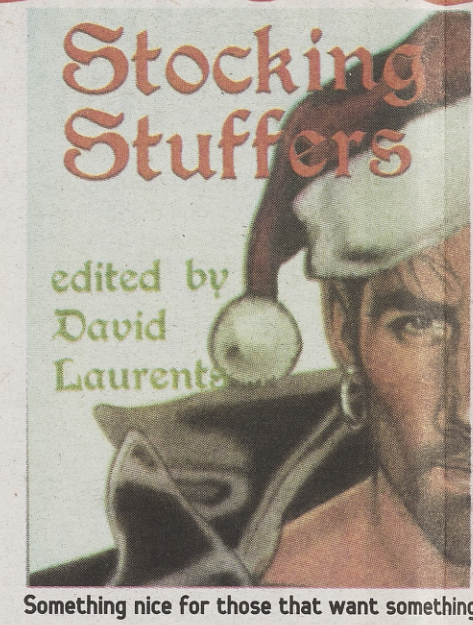

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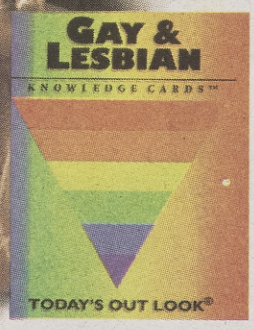

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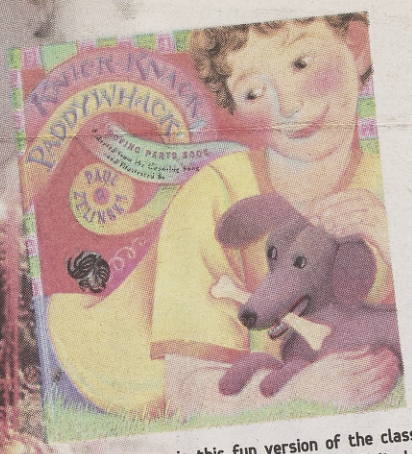

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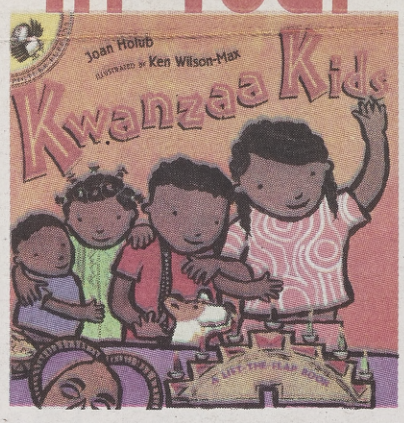

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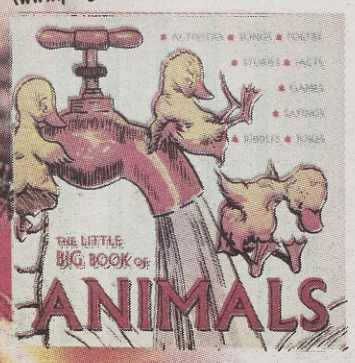

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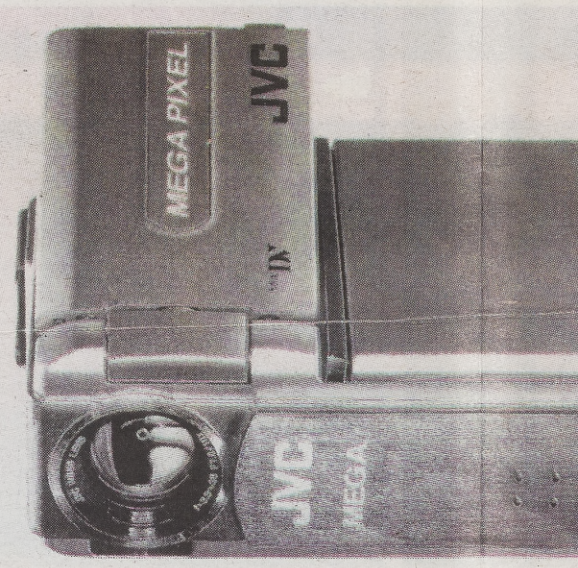

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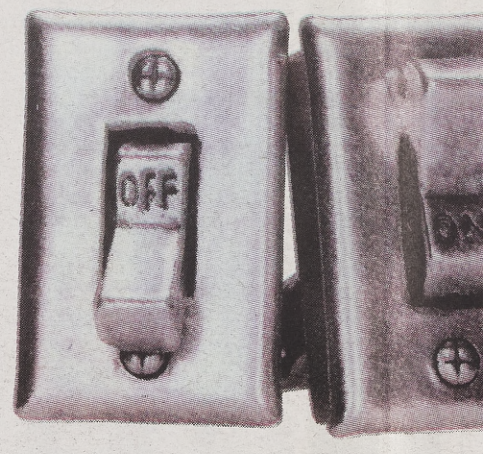

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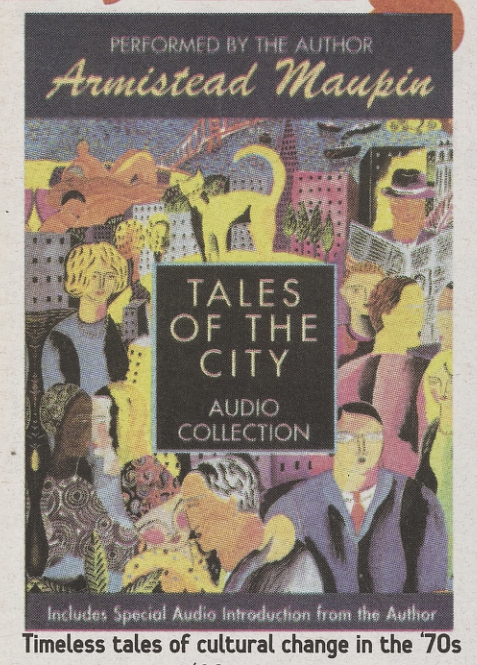

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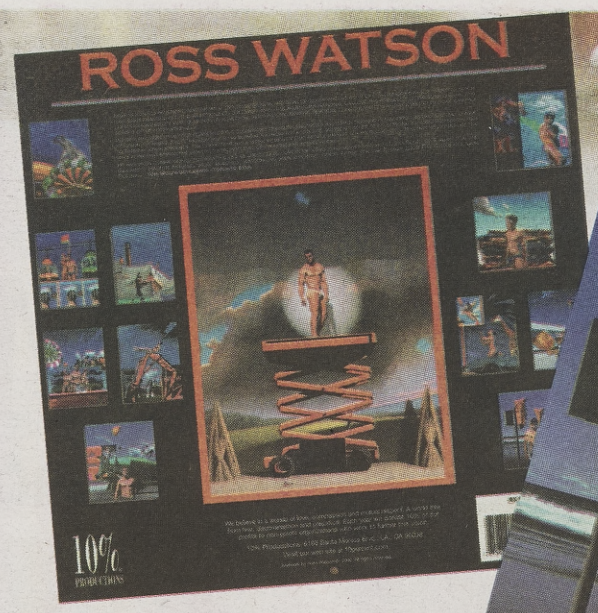

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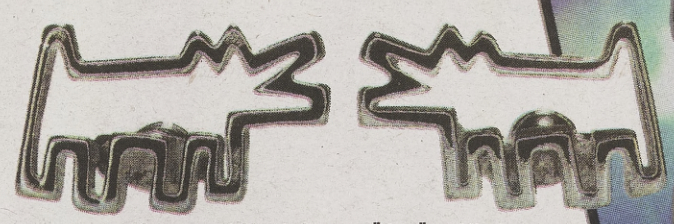

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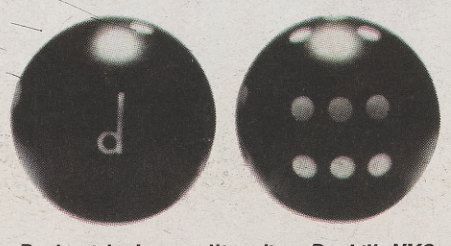

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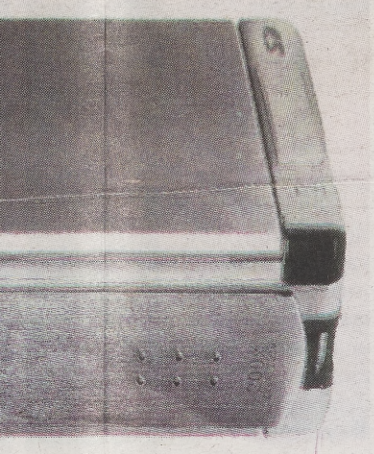

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Some of these items can be found at The Open Book and Tower stores.

San Francisco Opera: Pale Mozart But Vibrant Janacek

By Wayne R. Anderson
MGW Staff

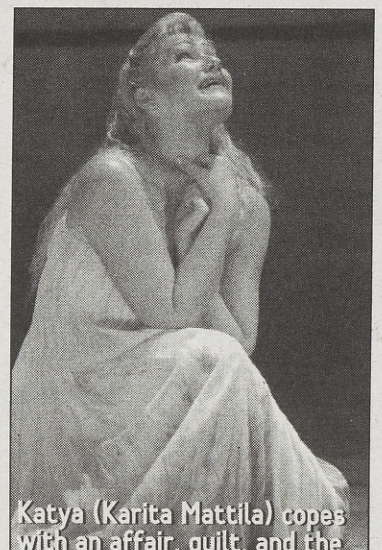
During Mozart's lifetime, *"Die Entfürung aus dem Serail"* (The Abduction from the Seraglio) was his most popular opera. Technically it is not an opera but a *"singspiel"* consisting of spoken dialog interspersed with musical numbers.

Turkish themes were very popular around that time, when Turkey was still a country for Europe to beware of. The Spanish nobleman Belmonte (assisted by his servant Pedrillo) sneaks into the palace of Pasha Selim to rescue his beloved Constanze (assisted by her English servant Blondchen, Pedrillo's sweetheart) who has been captured by the Turks. The abduction is eventually foiled, but in a magnanimous gesture, the Pasha allows everyone to go free, even though it has come out that Belmonte is the son of his worst enemy.

On this rather simple plot, the 26-year-old Mozart lavished some his most enchanting music. As usual, he created an opera of emotional complexity without losing sight of the fact that it was still a musical comedy. Instead of trusting their girlfriends, the men are constantly suspicious that they have "given in" to the advances of the Turks, while the "barbaric" Turks (in European eyes) show the most humanity of all.

Emperor Joseph II complained to Mozart that his opera contained "too many notes." And indeed it does have a lot of them. The arias usually build to extended climaxes requiring great vocal agility and control. Unfortunately, most of the SFO cast was not up to any of this. Constanze has three famous arias, but **Regina Schörg** could not cope adequately with any of them.

The slow portions of *"Ach ich liebte"* went well enough, but the high-lying coloratura passages were extremely labored and shrill, resembling (I hate to say it) a cat fight. One should not have to wince during this aria. The less taxing phrases of *"Traurigkeit"* suited her better, but the great *"Martern aller Arten"* fell flat, eliciting a mere trickle of polite applause.



Katya (Karita Mattila) copes with an affair, guilt, and the hypocrisy of small-town life.

MGW Courtesy Larry Merkle

Jennifer Welch-Babidge's singing as Blondchen was more secure and actually gave pleasure. **Paul Groves** sang Belmonte with a basically good lyric tenor voice, but he also could not cope with all the notes and was unable to blend them into seamless phrases–so essential in Mozart's music. During his famous act 3 aria, *"Ich baue ganz,"* he occupied himself by climbing up and down a ladder, which could not prevent us from noticing that the florid vocalism was completely beyond him.

Peter Bronder sang well enough as Pedrillo, and **Michael Eder** started out with a rich bass sound as Osmin, the overseer of the harem, but lost strength by the end. Pasha Selim, a forerunner of the noble Sarastro, is a speaking role. In the hands of **Frank Hoffmann**, he seemed more of a wimp than a powerful man exercising moral restraint. The ensembles went best, especially the quartet at the end of act 2.

Conductor **Peter Schneider** began with a frothy overture, but the opera lost energy as it limped along. Even the acting lacked spontaneity and failed to give the performance life. The beautiful costumes and whimsical sets were unable to raise the evening above the level of tedium.

Standards rose enormously with a revival of **Leos Janacek**'s *Katya Kabanova.*

Osmin (Michael Eder) gets in the face of Pedrillo (Peter Bronder)

MGW Courtesy Ken Friedman

Following the great success of his *Jenufa* (seen here last season), the 67-year-old Janacek found the muse for his next opera in Kamila Stösslova, 38 years his junior. His intense infatuation with her ("affair" would be too strong a word) inspired not only this work, but also the song cycle "Diary of One Who Vanished."

Set in a small Russian town on the Volga, the opera resembles "To Cry For in that it lays bare the hypocrisy and narrow mindedness of small-town life. The visionary young Katya is married to Tichon, a weak drunk under the thumb of his domineering mother, Kabanicha, who constantly humiliates Katya.

Driven by her hopeless situation, Katya has an affair with the young Boris while Tichon is away on business. Desperate with guilt, she confesses the affair to Tichon in front of a crowd seeking shelter from a violent electrical storm. With no life left in her town and her grasp on reality fading, Katya jumps into the Volga and drowns. As her body is laid out on the riverbank, Kabanicha icily thanks the assembled villagers for their assistance.

The current production moves the action from the 1860s to the Soviet era, with brutal concrete architecture replacing dreary village huts. It mostly worked very well except for a huge bird (I only know this thanks to the press notes) that suddenly ascended at the instant of Katya's death. A chorus of boos at the final curtain indicated that some took strong exception to this concept.

Musically this was a first-rate performance. The great Finnish soprano **Karita Mattila** encompassed all of Katya's conflicting moods. We saw her once-carefree spirit crushed by a hypocritical society, the guilt of her hesitant affair with Boris, and the desperation and near-madness leading to her suicide. When she unleashed it, her darkly gleaming voice rang out over the orchestra, but at other times she reduced it to an intimate thread of sound. It is hard to imagine a better performance of this challenging role.

Hanna Schwarz was brilliant as Kabanicha, her powerful voice suggesting the woman's self-absorbed domination of those around her, with fine acting conveying her hypocrisy. **Richard Decker** sang strongly as the weak-willed Tichon, and **Uta Döring** sang Varvara, who encourages Katya in her affair, with a fragile voice. As Boris, **Albert Bonnema**'s tenor was slightly nasal but he acted well. **Victor Chernomortsev** was effective as Boris's abusive uncle Dikoj, while **Raymond Very** sang and acted extremely well as Kudryash, the worldly young teacher and lover of Varvara.

Donald Runnicles' conducting made the great lyricism of the score shine, yet he did not short the sudden mood changes or tragic climaxes. This production showed what opera at its best should be. t

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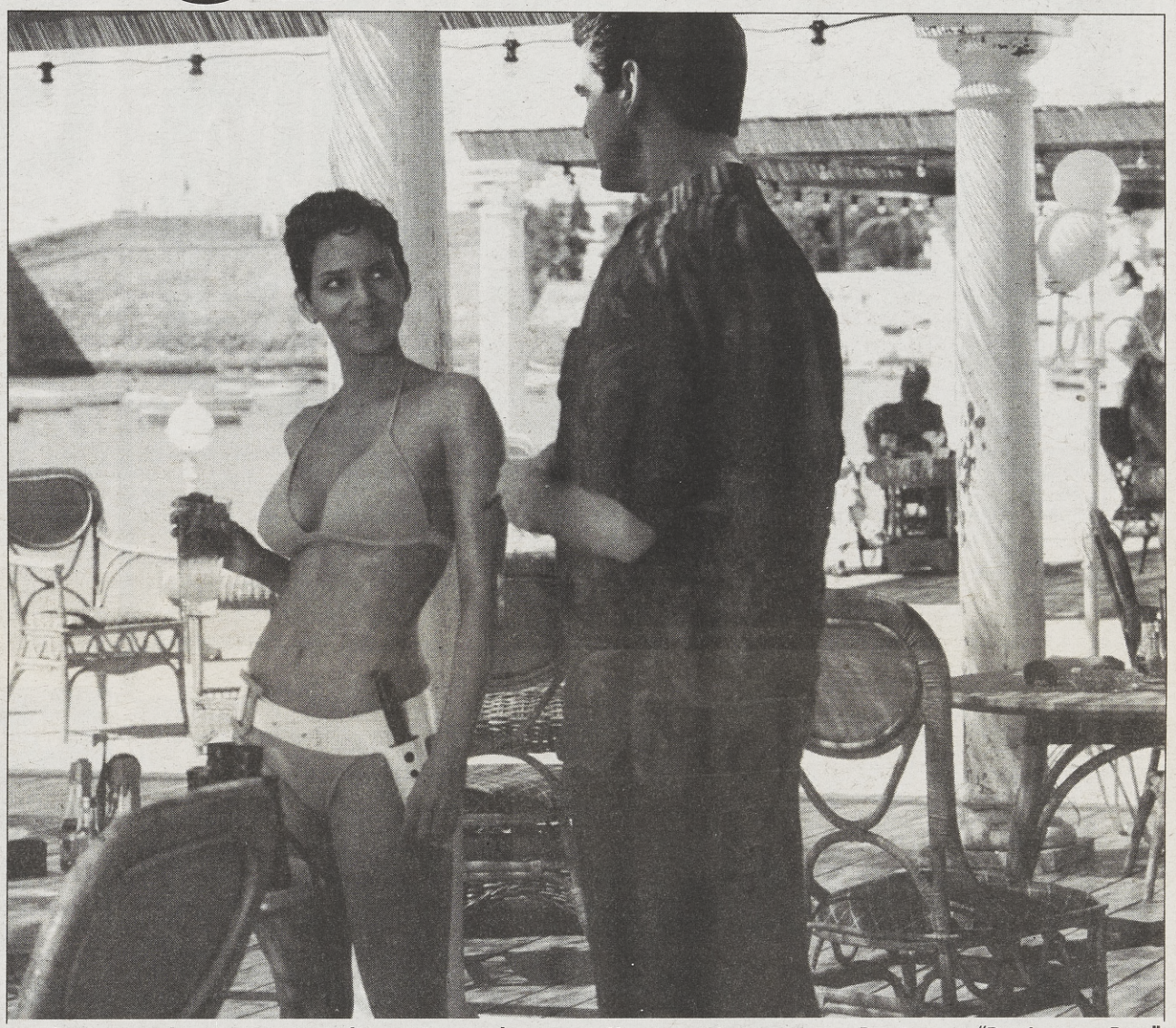

Jinx (Halle Berry) and James Bond (Pierce Brosnan) cavort in Havana in the new James Bond caper, "Die Another Day."

By Stefan Gruenwedel
MGW Film Editor

Die Another Day
Starring **Pierce Brosnan, Halle Berry, Judi Dench, Toby Stephens**
Directed by **Lee Tamahori**
(Rated PG-13, 132 min.)

Forty years and twenty films after it all began with *Dr. No*, the lucrative James Bond franchise serves up another overblown, plot-hole-riddled yarn that's sure to wow the young audience it's targeted at and probably turn off most fans who still yearn for the days when **Sean Connery** was the only Agent 007 in Her Majesty's Secret Service.

What else should we expect?

Considering that the world has changed much since 9/11, you might hope that James Bond's world would reflect that fact, even in some small way. After all, **Ian Fleming's** novels reflected the Cold War mentalities of his day. Instead, the only era that *Die Another Day* reflects is the one where commercialism successfully masquerades as entertainment: It mostly mimics the appeal of a luxury car commercial or video game.

In the end, it's little more than a fantasy based on absurd action sequences strung together by a very thin plot that tries to go somewhere but ends up just showcasing the art of special effects—and not always good ones at that.

This is a shame because the 40th anniversary episode does start out promisingly. With a nod toward its Cold War-era predecessors, *Die Another Day* begins in still-Communist North Korea, where Bond (Pierce Brosnan) attempts to intervene in an illegal sale of South African "conflict diamonds" for high-tech arms. Things go awry and after an interesting, if predictable, chase among hovercrafts through the minefield-rich demilitarized zone separating the two Koreas, Bond appears to win—only to be captured by the North and tortured for 18 months.

Yes, captured and tortured. Here's a different kind of Bond movie, I thought. As if to reinforce that notion, the opening credits overlap his prolonged imprisonment, literally superimposing gyrating icy and flaming nudes with scenes in silhouette of Bond being tortured in all sorts of ways. No kidding, he ends up looking like something out of The Man in the Iron Mask.

If only **Madonna's** theme song, "Die Another Day," weren't so awful, this sequence might be a real winner. She's surely no **Shirley Bassey**. The techno beat and her electronically-enhanced staccato singing do tie in somewhat with the villain's eventual cyborg-like appearance, but audiences don't know that yet. Instead it just seems like something's wrong with the soundtrack.

After Bond is finally released—traded for a mean-looking North Korean spy named Zao (**Rick Yune**)—his spy agency takes him in and puts him under quarantine in case he carries some sort of biological Trojan horse. As usual, M (**Judi Dench**), who's all-business, icily greets him and wants him to retire. She's unsympathetic to his recent misery and thinks he cracked under pressure and gave out state secrets during his Korean captivity.

He escapes from detention and ends up in Havana on Zao's tail. While there he runs into Jinx (**Halle Berry**), a mysterious, beautiful woman who says she's on vacation but acts like a well-trained lethal weapon. They nearly kill Zao while he's visiting a strange clinic that rewards its patients with a new life thanks to some cockamamie DNA replacement. But he slips away, and so does Jinx.

While Bond is on the lam, you'd think MI6 would be eager to get 007 back but apparently they're happy to wait 'til he comes to London on his own so they can ask him to return nicely.

Naturally he does so, or else there wouldn't be a movie. After the ever-cynical gizmo wizard Q (**John Cleese**) equips the gadget-wrecking secret agent with toys that he'll barely use, Bond finally ends up in Iceland as the guest of Gustav Graves (**Toby Stephens**), an ultra-wealthy, smirking young megalomaniac from nowhere who wants to save the world with the help of an all-powerful, sunshine-emitting satellite. As you might suspect, this device can also turn into a weapon in the wrong hands—and it's not hard to imagine whose.

If you ignore the many impossibilities that the story asks you to believe, *Die Another Day* has all the escapist action and adventure you could ask for, even though it's not particularly riveting or suspenseful. Brosnan is adequate, but Berry steals the show. She kicks whoop-ass and shakes her booty; in fact, she deserves her own action film, sports bra and all. Although she has to be rescued by Bond at one point, to her credit she fights some battles on her own.

Die Another Day plays at major theaters nationwide. t

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"In The Life" Movers and Shakers

From Wall Street to center stage, December's *In the Life*– a television newsmagazine that chronicles the history and contemporary experiences of GLBT people–focuses on finance, the arts, health and the military.

ITL interviews **Walter Schubert**, founder & CEO of the Gay Financial Network (www.gfn.com), in the segment *Power Players* to explore the "2001 GFN.com 25," a survey of the most powerful openly gay and lesbian executives in the conservative world of finance.

In *Hedwig the Movie, ITL* takes a look at the directorial debut of actor/writer **John Cameron Mitchell** from the award-winning musical film, *Hedwig and the Angry* Inch. The gender-bending screenplay is about the desperate measures taken by a transsexual rock 'n' roll singer in search of her other half.

The segment *Serving Overseas* explores the experiences of other countries after lifting the ban on gays and lesbians in their armed services. Worldwide, an estimated twenty-three nations allow homosexuals to serve in the military.

From the *ITL* archive, *Hip To Hepatitis* reports on hepatitis and provides information about the differences between types A and B, how it is transmitted, current treatments, and how hepatitis affects one's life and relationships.

The closing segment, *A Stormé Life*, profiles **Stormé DeLarverié**, a living legend, jazz singer, and male impersonator from the famous Jewel Box Revue. At the age of 80, DeLarverié is still recognized for her steadfast advocacy for the rights of gays and lesbians.

In the Life airs locally on KVIE-6, December 10th (10pm), 12th (2am), and 14th (2 pm). t

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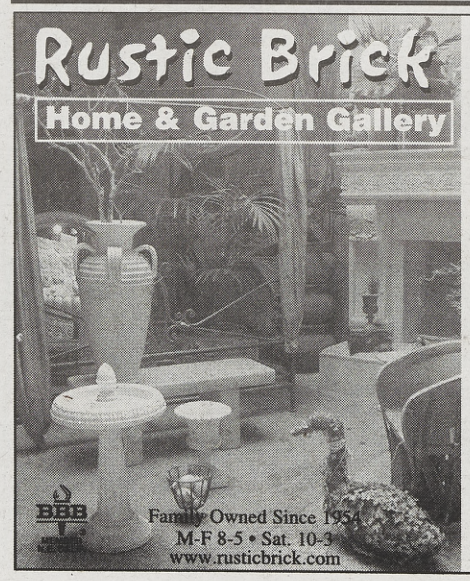

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Holiday Gifts For Pets

By Randy Jamison
MGW Staff

If Morris and Rover haven't made out their Christmas lists, don't worry. Here are some ideas to help pet gift shoppers.

Standard items, such as beds and blankets, collars and leashes, and scarves and sweaters are always safe and easy to purchase for either your pet or someone else's pet. Sweaters, jackets and booties for dogs' feet are especially thoughtful gifts for pets that venture outdoors.

When purchasing toys, computer screen savers–such as a fish tank or bouncing ball that a cat can watch–are good ideas. Kong toys (www.kongcompany.com) are good ideas for cats, dogs, ferrets and birds. Frisbee® discs and squeaky toys are good for dogs.

Squeaky toys and chew toys are other options, but be aware of the product before purchasing it. Chew toys and rawhide bones may have color additives and while they're not harmful to the pet, the dye can stain furniture and carpeting when mixed with saliva.

When buying a gift for someone else's pet, I recommend a non-edible gift. Some pets may have food allergies and some may not be able to tolerate bones or other edible items. Some food treats may cause tooth and gum injury (breakage and lacerations), so it's safest to buy a non-edible item. I'd leave it to the pet's owner to select an appropriate edible item.

Even gifts for the pet owner are ideas to consider. While these aren't necessarily for the pet, personalized picture frames with the pet's name on it or breed-specific novelties are also good gift ideas, especially if you don't know their pets well.

For the thrifty or crafty gift giver, I recommend making a gift. Scarves, or bandanas, are pretty easy to make: All you need is a piece of fabric and a sewing machine (or needle and thread). One could also make a simple pet bed by making a special case for a bed pillow.

For those with less sewing talents, I recommend making food snacks for your own pets. Especially for pets on a restricted or special diet, use the canned formula of the special diet. Pat the food into the bottom of a cookie sheet and bake at 200 degrees until it's dehydrated and firm. Allow to cool, break into pieces and you have a treat for your pet.

Another yummy recipe for dogs uses hot dogs. Slice hot dogs into 1/4" or 1/8" thick pieces, place on a paper towel, sprinkle with garlic powder and place another paper towel on top of the pieces. Cook in the microwave for 3-6 minutes, until the pieces have a jerky-like texture. Allow to cool and place in an airtight container. These treats can be stored in the freezer and make a great training treat.

As far as sweet treats go, like everything, moderation is the key. While chocolate and caffeine-containing treats are to be avoided, a few plain sugar cookies won't hurt most pets. However, if the pet is diabetic, I recommend checking with your veterinarian before giving sweets to your pet. t

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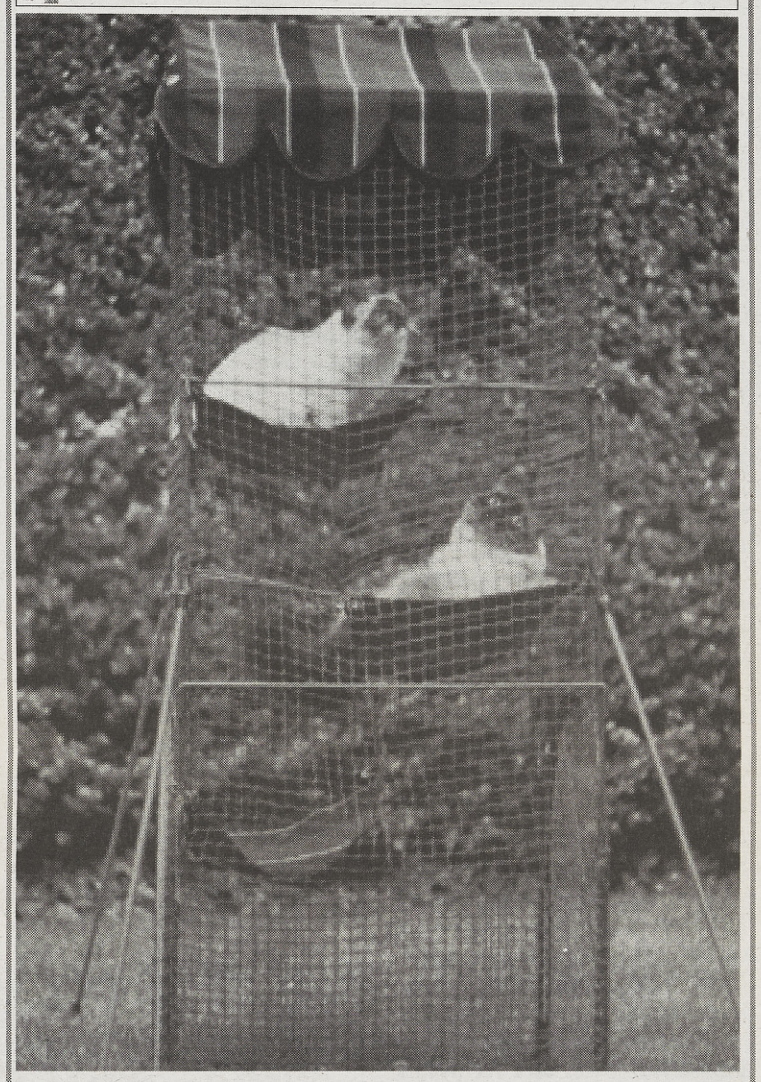

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HIV Newsline

On the HIV Front

By Sonya Cox
MGW HIV/AIDS Editor

Florida to test blood cleansing system...

An experimental project in Florida will begin in April to test a system that can remove HIV, other viruses, and bacteria from donated blood. The announcement by the St. Petersburg blood bank comes four months after two people contracted HIV during transfusions of tainted blood provided by Florida Blood Services. Scientists are experimenting with two different methods of cleansing blood: using ultraviolet light to kill viruses and bacteria, and killing them with chemicals.

After the two HIV cases through transfusions were confirmed, federal and state investigators determined that the blood provider met all government standards during the process. The situation was extremely rare, and this country's blood supply is among the safest in the world.

It is believed that the infected blood came from a donor who became HIV infected immediately prior to the blood donation, before the virus could be detected through testing. Prior to this instance, there was only one other reported case of HIV being transmitted during a transfusion since the nation's blood banks implemented new screening technology in 1999.

Intensified dental care for people with HIV...

Access to enhanced screening and dental care can result in significant improvements in oral health, daily functioning, and quality of life in people with HIV, according to the results of a recent randomized trial from Kaiser Permanente in Portland, OR.

Researchers studied 376 people with HIV and randomly assigned the group either to protective dental care and checkups at 6 and 12 months, or to intensified protective treatment every two months and chlorhexidine mouth rinses twice daily. During the year-long study, the researchers looked for active decay, gingivitis, oral pain, and the impact of dental care on their lives.

Both groups showed improvements in overall quality of life and decreases in active tooth decay and gingivitis. The researchers concluded that frequent dental cleanings and antiseptic mouth-rinsing greatly decrease periodontal disease in people with AIDS.

Researchers note that the medical threats posed by oral infections are probably greatly decreased by combination HIV therapies that control AIDS infections and help preserve immune function. But they say extra attention to oral health is still important since people with HIV and AIDS have much higher than average levels of dental and gingival disease, and the attendant pain, loss of function, and other symptoms can impair their overall quality of life.

New Vancouver mayor plans changes...

Larry Campbell, a former Royal Canadian Mounted Police drug squad officer and British Columbia's chief coroner, won the recent mayoral election in a landslide and said his number-one priority is to set up the country's first supervised injection site, where intravenous drug users can shoot up in a clean setting.

Campbell said his election shows that the citizens of Vancouver care deeply about the poor and addicted in downtown eastside, where drugs are bought and used openly. Campbell said he was persuaded to run because he feared the city was poised to retreat from a bold strategy aimed at treating addiction as a health concern, rather than a crime.

He said his first job as mayor will be to convene a meeting with the chief of police and health officials, with a goal to set up a site by January 1. Studies show that HIV rates are sharply reduced in communities with programs that reduce instances of needle sharing among drug users.

First human trial of 'combo' vaccine begins...

The first trial of the so-called "global vaccine"–a single vaccine designed to prevent infection with the three most common forms of HIV–was launched in mid-November by the National Institutes of Health (NIH).

The trial vaccine incorporates parts of HIV genes drawn from subtype B, which is the most prevalent form of HIV in North America and Western Europe, as well as subtypes A and C, which are the most common types in Africa and Asia. These three types account for about 90 percent of HIV infections worldwide.

The history of vaccine development supports the concept of a combination vaccine, said researchers. NIH reports said, "If you look at the polio vaccine, it actually contains three different strains of the disease to cover the three different most prominent strains, so there's an important precedent for that concept." The report also related that since HIV is constantly mutating, "the idea behind having this global vaccine is that we are trying to... have a better chance of resisting the newer viruses that develop."

In the trial's first phase, 50 healthy, HIV-negative volunteers ages 18 to 40 will receive multiple inoculations with either the test vaccine or a saline solution placebo over the course of one year. The researchers expressed confidence that the vaccine is completely safe, whether or not it proves an effective preventative over time.

"Everyone who comes into this trial gets counseling about avoiding risk because there's no proof yet that this vaccine will protect them," said researchers. Even if all goes well throughout the clinical trial, the vaccine would not become available to the public for at least five years.

South Africa mining company launches treatment campaign...

South Africa's largest gold miner, AngloGold, launched its program to distribute AIDS drugs to its HIV-positive staff, which make up about 25 percent of its workforce of 40,000. They said the program will cost the company about $4 to $6 for each ounce of gold mined, but the cost of failing to manage the epidemic would be $9 an ounce.

Three employees received their first prescriptions for AIDS drugs in mid-November. Over the next five months they and some 200 volunteers will be monitored, and treatment will be offered to all whom want it beginning in April 2003. "We have about 2,500 to 3,000 people who are HIV-positive and eligible for anti-retroviral therapy," said a company manager. "For society's sake, we hope others follow us."

AIDS prevention over treatment?..

Programs to prevent the spread of AIDS in Africa by helping people avoid infection should take priority over treatment of those who have the disease, said a report published by a San Francisco researcher and his colleagues in the medical chronicle, Lancet.

The scientist said, "Since the [UN] Global AIDS Fund has received commitments to date totaling only one fifth of what will be needed every single year to provide for both prevention and treatment, we cannot duck the question, 'Where can this money do the most good?'" The group's report presents data and calculations showing that in the 48 African nations south of the Sahara Desert, it is 28 times less expensive to prevent HIV infection than to treat one person with AIDS.

The authors urge spending money to ensure a safe blood supply, using drug therapy to prevent mother-to-child transmission of HIV, employing voluntary counseling and testing; and using sex worker interaction programs. The report indicated that a study in Kenya showed every $8 to $12 spent on sex workers for control of sexual disease transmission and condoms prevented one case of AIDS. Even cut-rate drug treatment for AIDS costs $350 per patient per year in Africa.

Some responded to the article with shock. One researcher who objected to the notion said that for the most part the study's authors "are implying that the 25 million plus people who are infected in sub-Saharan Africa should die. I am surprised that the Lancet would publish an article like this. There is enough money in the world to handle AIDS cases in sub-Saharan Africa, if there is a will."

He also said, "Both approaches are important. Prevention is important and treatment is important. But you cannot say that prevention should be funded before (treatment). That's ridiculous." t

In Loving Memory of Friends Lost in December

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Bush Criticized for Health Care Reduction

The Bush administration is systematically dismantling any and all health care programs for gays and lesbians, said leaders of the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). They cited several examples, including the Department of Health and Human Services' (HHS) refusal last year to fund a comprehensive federal document that outlined areas of needed research and clinical concerns in GLBT health.

Another example mentioned was HHS' failure last year to keep its promise to underwrite a portion of "Healing Works," a two-day conference on lesbian health issues. The GLMA also cited other actions such as removing condom information from CDC web sites that provide HIV/AIDS information, and suddenly targeting groups promoting safe sex for men who have sex with men.

"We are witnessing a mass marginalization of the health care of an already vulnerable population," said GLMA President Christopher E. Harris, MD. t

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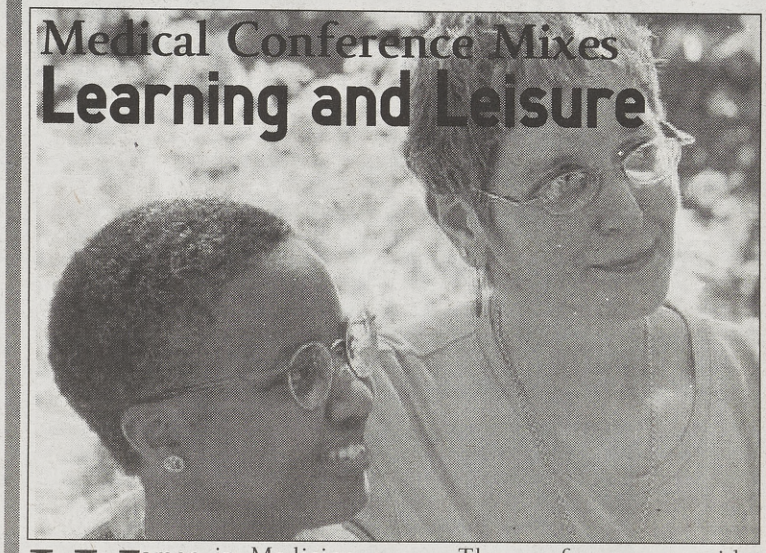


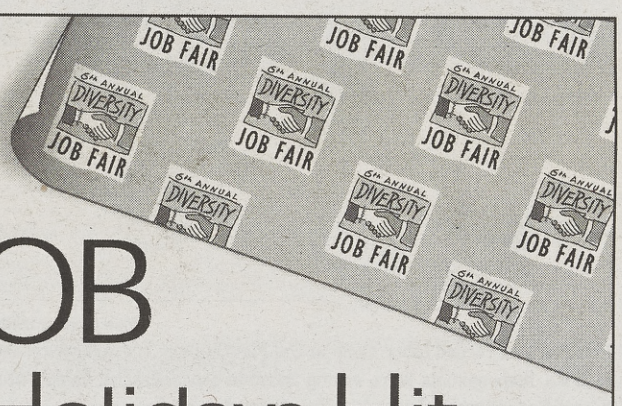
Women in Medicine–a national retreat for lesbian physicians–is hosting its 20th conference in July at the Asilomar Conference Grounds in Monterey Peninsula. An annual event since 1984, attendance has reached nearly 300 participants.

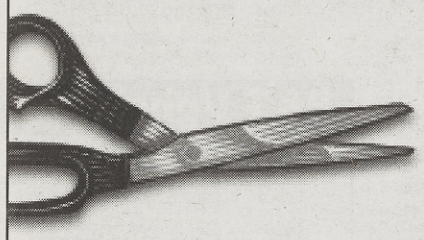
The conference provides cutting-edge CME-accredited medical education and a relaxed venue for lesbian physicians and their significant others–including partners and children–to nurture, support, and mentor each other. Lectures are designed to not only meet the CME and academic goals of attending physicians, but also to meet the varied interests of significant others.

Topics addressed at previous conferences have included hormone replacement therapy, menopause management, strategies for advancement in academic medicine, domestic partnership, financial and legal planning, and humanism in medicine. The upcoming conference will feature a private event at the Monterey Bay Aquarium and an evening of films produced by Dr. Dee Mosbacher. t

Info: www.wimretreat.org

Wrap up a NEW JOB before the Holidays Hit





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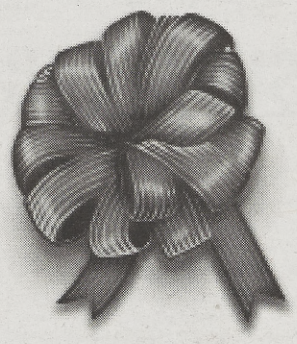

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Exhibition of Nazi Persecution of Gays Opens

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Cover of the September 1931 issue of The Island, a magazine for homosexuals. Although illegal, homosexuality was generally tolerated in pre-Nazi Germany, particularly in urban areas. Some 30 literary, cultural, and political journals for homosexual readers appeared during the Weimar era.

The story of what happened to homosexuals in Nazi Germany is the subject of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum's new exhibition, *Nazi Persecution of Homosexuals 1933-1945*. The exhibit will be at the Washington, DC, museum through March 16, 2003, before it circulates to cities across the country.

According to a museum report, an estimated 100,000 men were arrested for homosexuality in Germany between 1933-45, and among them, 50,000 were sentenced for the "crime"–and as many as 15,000 were sent to concentration camps where an unknown number perished.

Central to the Nazi's ability to arrest and condemn gay men was the infamous "Paragraph 175," an 1871 statute that prohibiting sexuality among men. The rarely enforced law was rewritten in 1935 by the Nazi party to broaden the scope of "indecencies between men," essentially making it legal to arrest men for the crimes of "simple looking" or "simple touching." An estimated 78,000 gay men were arrested between 1936-39, often forced to choose between "voluntary" castration or imprisonment.

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Prisoners at forced labor camp in the Mauthausen concentration camp. Beginning in 1943, homosexuals were among those in concentration camps who were killed in an SS-sponsored "extermination through work" program.

The museum said that the severity of the persecution increased after the outbreak of World War II. Chief of Police Heinrich Himmler directed that any convicted homosexual who "seduced more than one partner" would be sent to a concentration camp where gay men–"175'ers"–were labeled with pink triangles and often shunned by prejudiced fellow prisoners who feared guilt-by-association.

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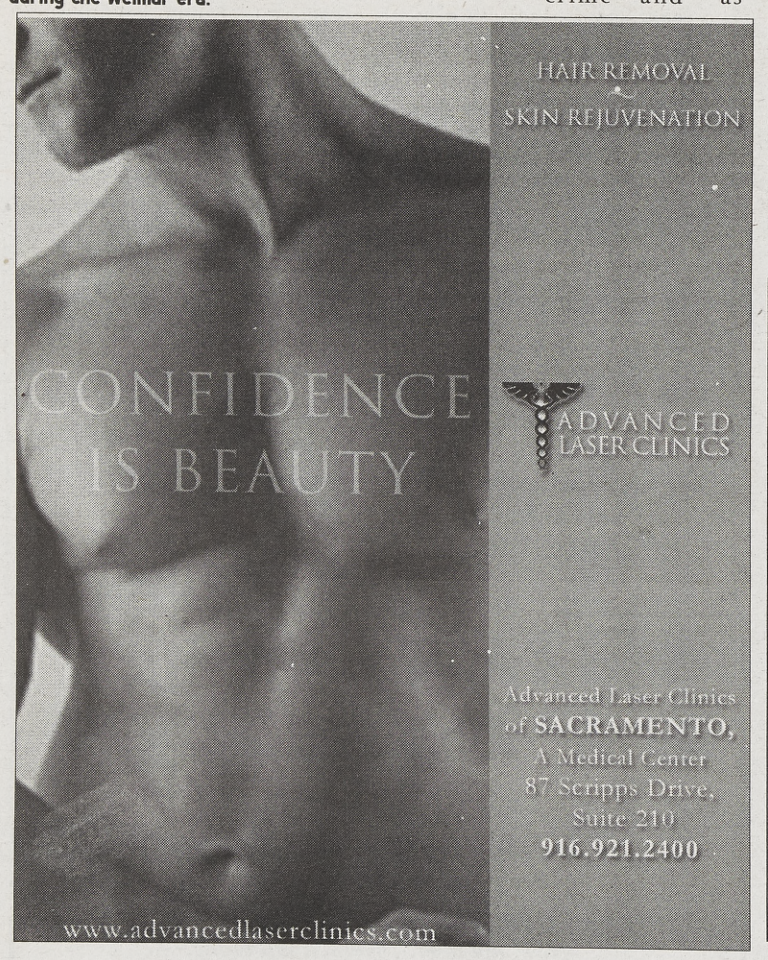
A 1907 political cartoon depicting sex-researcher Magnus Hirschfeld–"Hero of the Day"–drumming up support for the abolition of Paragraph 175, the German code that criminalized homosexuality.

Not until 1969 was Paragraph 175 revised by the then-West German government to decriminalize homosexual relations between men over age 21. In 1994, Germany abolished the statute and has recently pardoned those convicted under Nazi law, the museum said. t

Info: www.ushmm.org



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DECEMBER

1 SUNDAY

SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am; Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760
EMPYREAN ENSEMBLE, 8pm; Studio Theater, Mondavi Center, Davis
LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE PARTNERS, 5pm; Lambda Community Center, 19th & L St., 276-3273
ORNAMENT CRAFT DAY, Dykes Out Together, 971-9337
WOMEN'S CRAFTS FAIR, 10am-6pm; Festival Pavilion, SF, 415-383-3470

2 MONDAY

CAPITAL CITY HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL, 7:30-9:30pm; Rizal Community Center, http://www.gaybasketball.com
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793
FEMALE TO MALE SAC. MEETING, 7pm; 646-1417

4 WEDNESDAY

LOAN PACKAGES, Business Information Center, 10am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

5 THURSDAY

CITY CERTIFICATION, Business Information Center, 1:30pm-3:30pm; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793
DAY OUT WITH THOMAS, Cal. St. Railroad Museum, 916-445-6645
ELLE DECOR'S DINING BY DESIGN, Champagne Taittinger, 6:30pm; SF Design Center's Concourse Exhibition Hall, 7th & Brannan, SF, 415-263-6886
WORLD AIDS DAY OBSERVANCE, 6-8pm; Crocker Art Museum, 530-666-8645

6 FRIDAY

BACW TGIF, 6pm; Sausage Factory, 517 Castro St., SF, bacw.org
DAY OUT WITH THOMAS, Cal. St. Railroad Museum, 916-445-6645
DOUGLAS McEWAN, 7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st, 498-1004
EATS AND A MOVIE! Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 530-885-8596
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Valley Choral Society & Orchestra, 7:30pm; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints, 2100 California Circle, Rancho Cordova, 989-5748
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR OF EAST SACRAMENTO, 11am-8pm; 916-556-5050
MONTCLAIRE WOMEN'S CULTURAL ARTS CLUB, Sara Felder & Elana Dykewomon, 7:30pm; 1650 Mountain Blvd., Oakland, 510-339-1832
WINE TASTING, Bogle Winery, 6-7:30pm; Davis Food Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2667

7 SATURDAY

42nd ANNUAL BAROQUE BALL, 6:30pm; Crocker Art Museum, 264-0177
ARTS FAIR, Community Center, Muir Beach, 415-388-4803 .
BEN PATRICK JOHNSON, 6pm, Open Book, 910 21st St., 498-1004
DAY OUT WITH THOMAS, Cal. St. Railroad Museum, 916-445-6645
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Valley Choral Society & Orchestra, 7:30pm; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints, 2100 California Circle, Rancho Cordova, 989-5748
HI-GLAM PACHANGA & ART SALE, 7-10pm; Galeria de la Raza, 2857 24th St., SF, 415-826-8009
HOLIDAY COOKIE EXCHANGE SOCIAL, Dykes Out Together, 10am-4pm; 971-9337
HOLIDAY HOME TOUR OF EAST SACRAMENTO, 10am-7pm; 916-556-5050
HOLIDAY PARADE OF LIGHTS, 7pm; Main Street, Guerneville, 707-869-3533
HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE, PAWS (Performing Animals Welfare Society), noon; PAWS Sanctuary, 11435 Simmerhorn Rd., Galt, 209-745-2606
HOMES TOUR, El Dorado County, 877-262-4667
LAKE NATOMA BIKE RIDE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 10:30am; CSUS Aquatic Center, 972-9230
MADRIGAL DINNER, Gualala Arts, 707-884-1138
MINER'S CHRISTMAS, Columbia, 209-536-1672
SACRAMENTO SIRENS vs. ARIZONA CALIENTE, WAFC Championship, Location and Time TBA; www.sacramentosirens.net
THE ALBERT McNEIL JUBILEE SINGERS, 8pm; Jackson Hall, Mondavi Center, Davis

8 SUNDAY

ARTS FAIR, Community Center, Muir Beach, 415-388-4803
CHRISTMAS IN COLOMA, 10am-4pm; Marshall Gold Discovery State Park, Hwy. 49, Coloma, 530-622-6168
DAY OUT WITH THOMAS, Cal. St. Railroad Museum, 916-445-6645
EMPYREAN ENSEMBLE, 8pm; Studio Theater, Mondavi Center, Davis
FREE CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Valley Choral Society & Orchestra, 7:30pm; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-days Saints, 2100 California Circle, Rancho Cordova, 989-5748
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MINER'S CHRISTMAS, Columbia, 209-536-1672
POLITICAL COLLECTIBLES, 10am-2pm; Belle Coolidge Comm. Center, 5699 S. Land Park Dr., 483-7415
STONES LAKES BIRDING TOUR, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 8am; 427-7124

9 MONDAY

CAPITAL CITY HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL, 7:30-9:30pm; Rizal Community Center, http://www.gaybasketball.com
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793
TOWER BRIDGE PUBLIC WORKSHOP, Cities of Sac. & W. Sac. and Caltrans, 3-7pm; Ziggurat Bldg., 707 3rd St., W. Sac., 916-503-6681 x3518

10 TUESDAY

"IN THE LIFE", 10pm; KVIE Channel 6

11 WEDNESDAY

CHRISTINE KEHOE KICKOFF, CAPPAC, 6-8pm; the home of Ted Ross & Eric Jensen, 2101 28th St., 929-6331

12 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793
"IN THE LIFE", 2am; KVIE Channel 6
PUTTING MUSCLE IN YOUR MARKETING, Business Information Center, 10am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

13 FRIDAY

A JOHN WATERS X-MAS, 6pm; Castro Theatre, SF, 415-863-0611
BACW TGIF, 6pm; Sausage Factory, 517 Castro St., SF, bacw.org
BOOK CLUB, Dykes Out Together, 7pm; 451-7191
WINE TASTING, 6-7:30pm; Davis Food Co-op, 620 G St., Davis, 530-758-2667

14 SATURDAY

2nd SATURDAY PUBLIC ARTS TOUR, 1-2pm, Sacramento Central Library & Cesar Chavez Plaza, 828 I St., 566-3992
CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
CONCEAL/REVEAL: the art of the book and box, 6-9pm; Exploding Head Gallery, 924 12th St., 442-8424
HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER, Dykes Out Together, 4pm; 971-9337
HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983
"IN THE LIFE", 2pm, KVIE Channel 6
MINER'S CHRISTMAS, Columbia, 209-536-1672
SATURDAY WITH SANTA, Cal. Hospice Foundation, 10am-noon; Hospice Thrift Shop, 3257 Folsom Blvd., 457-1877

15 SUNDAY

AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 427-7124
CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983
MINER'S CHRISTMAS, Columbia, 209-536-1672

16 MONDAY

BACW BOARD MEETING, 6:15pm; 55 New Montgomery Suite 524, SF, 415-495-5303
CAPITAL CITY HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL, 7:30-9:30pm; Rizal Community Center, http://www.gaybasketball.com
CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

17 TUESDAY

PFLAG, St. Mark's Methodist Church; 2391 St. Mark's Way, 978-0410
RAINBOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, Konicom; 1819 J St., 447-9220

19 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

21 SATURDAY

CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
GAME NIGHT, Dykes Out Together, 5pm; 361-1495
HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983
POTLUCK, Sac. Valley Pozabilities, 6-10pm; RSVP at wesbite for location, www.sacvalleypozabilities.org
SATURDAY WITH SANTA, Cal. Hospice Foundation, 10am-noon; Hospice Thrift Shop, 3257 Folsom Blvd., 457-1877

22 SUNDAY

FIRST DAY OF WINTER
CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983
INDEPENDENCE TRAIL DAY HIKE, Gay & Lesbian Sierrans, 889-8652

23 MONDAY

CAPITAL CITY HOOPSTERS BASKETBALL, 7:30-9:30pm; Rizal Community Center, http://www.gaybasketball.com
CATHEDRAL CHOIR OF MEN & BOYS, Grace Cathedral, SF, 415-749-6355
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793
HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983

24 TUESDAY

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HOLIDAY STREET FAIR, Telegraph Ave., Berkeley, 510-528-6983

25 WEDNESDAY

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26 THURSDAY

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COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

28 SATURDAY

ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE, thru 30th; Fort Mason Center, SF, 209-358-3134

30 MONDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

31 TUESDAY

NEW YEAR'S EVE
TORCHLIGHT PARADE & FIREWORKS, Kirkwood, 209-258-6000

JANUARY

1 WEDNESDAY

NEW YEAR'S DAY

2 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

4 SATURDAY

RARE BOOK & EPHEMERA SHOW, 10am-5pm; Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 3rd & J St., 443-6223

5 SUNDAY

LESBIAN AND GAY LIFE PARTNERS, 5pm; Lambda Community Center, 19th & L St., 276-3273
HOME & GARDEN SHOW, 12-8pm, Sacramento Convention Center, 877-696-6668
RARE BOOK & EPHEMERA SHOW, 10am-3pm; Capitol Plaza Holiday Inn, 3rd & J St., 443-6223
SAC. VALLEY LEATHERMEN PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 10am; Faces, 2000 K St., 338-3760
TWELFTH NIGHT FEAST, 6:30-10pm, Sacramento Recorder Society, Prince of Peace Church, 7501 Franklin Boulevard, 685-4327

6 MONDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

7 TUESDAY

CREDIT REPORTS, Business Information Center, 10am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

9 THURSDAY

CITY CERTIFICATION, Business Information Center, 1:30–3:30pm; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700
COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

11 SATURDAY

HOME & GARDEN SHOW, 10am-8pm, Sacramento Convention Center, 877-696-6668
IF THE SHOE FITS NEW YEAR'S DANCE, 7:30pm, Shakespeare Club, Placerville

12 SUNDAY

HOME & GARDEN SHOW, 10am-5pm, Sacramento Convention Center, 877-696-6668

13 MONDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 6-7pm; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

14 TUESDAY

STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS, Business Information Center, 10am-noon; 1215 Del Paso Blvd., 263-3700

16 THURSDAY

COFFEE SOCIAL, Sac Valley Pozabilities, 10:30 am; The Open Book, 910 21st St., 448-6793

Art Galleries

AMHERST GALLERY; Pottery: Works of Rod Guyer, thru Jan. 4; 14028 Armstrong Woods Road, Guerneville, 707-869-3035
BERKELEY ART MUSEUM; Face Of Buddha: Sculpture From India, China, Japan, and Southeast Asia, thru 2003; 2625 Durant Ave., 510-642-1208
CANVAS; 1200 Ninth Ave. SF
CA. PALACE OF THE LEGION OF HONOR; Philip Guston's Poor Richard thru Jan. 26; Winslow Homer, Dec.7-Feb.9; Max Ernst: Surrealism in Artists' Books, thru Feb. 23,;100 34th Ave., SF, 415-750-3614
CHROMA GALLERY; California Landmarks, thru Dec. 8; Feast of Lights, Dec. 14-Feb. 2; 10030 Fair Oaks Blvd., Fair Oaks, 966-6020
CITY THEATRE; Woody Guthrie's American Song, thru Dec.14; 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228--
CROCKER ART MUSEUM; World Peace Begins With Me, thru Dec. 29; Pilot Hill Collection of Contemporary Art, Dec.20-Feb. 23; Beyond the Mines: The Art of Gold, Jan. 28-Mar.16; 216 O St., 264-5423
EXPLODING HEAD GALLERY; Conceal/Reveal: the art of the book and box, Dec. 5-Jan. 4; 924 12th St., 442-8424
HANG; 556 Sutter St. SF, 415-434-4264
JAY JAY; 5520 Elvas Ave., 456-7650
LAVENDER LIBRARY, ARCHIVES & CULTURAL EXCHANGE (LLACE); Didier Tisdel Jaen; 1414 21st St., 492-0558
OPEN STUDIOS; 192 Noe St. SF, 415-793-2539
PHOENIX FRAMING & GALLERY; 1901 Capitol Ave., 447-1632
RICHARD L. NELSON GALLERY; Ideas for Art: Sketchbook and Other Studies from the Fine Arts Collection, and Images from Buddhism, both thru Dec.13; UC Davis Art Center, 1 Shields Ave., 530-752-8500
RIDLEY GALLERY; Annual Holiday Show & Sale, Dec. 2-7; Sierra College, 5000 Rocklin Rd., Rocklin, 783-2873
SAC. FINE ARTS CENTER; American Watercolor Society, Jan.17-Feb.16; 5330 Gibson Dr., Carm., 991-2708
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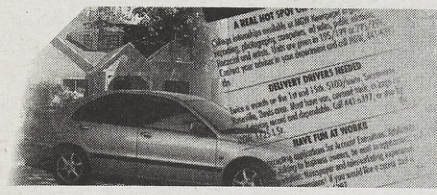

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As passionate about renovations of historic Sacramento real estate as he is about the processes involved with getting the jobs done, realtor **Terry Mulligan** spoke recently about some projects he is overseeing in Midtown.

Mulligan, a realtor at **Coldwell Banker Dunnigan**, is currently heading a group that is renovating several properties in Midtown, including **Gray's General Store**. He was quick to point out that the group is not another bunch of exploitative speculators. The group—which doesn't have a name—is "just a great bunch of people who want to restore this neighborhood. Among them are carpenters, architects, and attorneys," said Mulligan.

Community pride is being matched by quality craftsmanship in this project. Mulligan said that while the historical restorations often have stringent guidelines in order to get city building permits, most speculators still try to cut costs by using sub-par materials. This project, however, bucks the trend by paying attention to both quality and aesthetic detail.

But despite the remarkable range of enthusiastic participants, the realities of red tape have hindered the project's completion. He said that getting building permits have been (and are often) delayed, resulting in several months worth of lost dollars that are sunk into mortgages and insurance. "This really hurts the little guy since other big companies can afford to sit and wait if they have to...we don't," said Mulligan.

Nonetheless, Mulligan remains optimistic about the completion of the project, and he hopes to see the general store filled with a restaurant on the floor level and some businesses upstairs.

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